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In re Patent Application of:
Masafumi Kimura et al.

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For: LOADING MECHANISM, DRIVE UNIT,
AND INFORMATION PROCESSING
APPARATUS

RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figs. 8-14. At least claims 1-17 should be readable on the elected species.

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application can be examined without the "serious" burden contemplated by

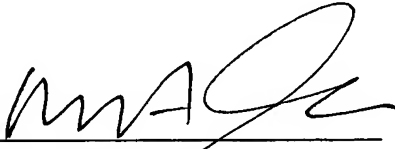
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M.P.E.P. § 803. Therefore, Applicants request examination and favorable action on all of the pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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